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**ACTIVATION OF NEW MILITARY UNITS
LAKE MANAGUA TRAINING AREA, NICARAGUA (SWN/NOFORN)**

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** THE CEREMONY MARKING THE ACTIVATION OF TWO NEW MILITARY UNITS WAS OBSERVED IN THE MANAGUA AREA ON IMAGERY [REDACTED] (SWN/NOFORN)

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2. **REMARKS:** A MILITARY CEREMONY INVOLVING APPROXIMATELY 2,000 TROOPS IN NINE FORMATIONS, 40 PROBABLE BTR-152 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, THREE MEDIUM TANKS, AND SEVERAL PIECES OF UNIDENTIFIED EQUIPMENT WAS OBSERVED AT LAKE MANAGUA TRAINING AREA. COLLATERAL SOURCES HAVE REPORTED THAT THE EVENT, SCHEDULED FOR THE NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAKEOVER OF THE CASTILLO RESIDENCE, MARKED THE ACTIVATION OF THE SANDINISTA POPULAR ARMY (EPS) 31ST MOTORIZED INFANTRY BRIGADE AND THE THIRD REGION OF POPULAR MILITIA (DESIGNATOR 58-89). (SWN/NOFORN)

AT LEAST 200 SPECTATORS WERE ON NEWLY CONSTRUCTED REVIEWING STANDS IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THE TROOP FORMATIONS. NUMEROUS BUSES, AUTOMOBILES, AND MILITARY CARGO TRUCKS ALSO WERE OBSERVED. THE COLLATERAL REPORTS HAVE INDICATED THAT THE TROOP FORMATIONS WERE SUBORDINATE TO THE NEW MILITIA UNIT AND THAT EACH OF THE BTR-152 WAS OCCUPIED BY NINE TROOPS OF THE 31ST BRIGADE. THE GARRISONS THAT HOUSED OR WILL HOUSE THESE UNITS HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED. (SWN/NOFORN) [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 12-10-05N 086-10-00W (S)

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4. **COLLATERAL REFERENCE:** USDAO MANAGUA, 292158Z DEC 83, ~~DISPLAY OF MOTORIZED INFANTRY BRIGADE EQUIPMENT~~ (S/NOFORN)

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